

In your charity, please pray for our sick

People of Donetsk, Martin Fardy, Vlad, Brian Sullivan, Jordon Cox, Susie, Margaret Livingstone, Anna, Darrell Callinan, Andrew Mosey, Donald, Xi, Susie, Vladimir, Charles, Patricia Jones, Jhonny Effendy, Evelyn Ceniza Grytberg, Steven Mauger, Paul Garnett, Yuki, Kevin Burke, Anne McEvoy, Mary Sidaway, Joan Guyer, Bryan Burgess, Bruce Albans, Carol Costales, Jay-Rikilee-Addison Peachey, Judy Peachy, Catherine Robinson, Chris O’Sullivan, Claire Borchard, Ginavis Naw Pha Day, Anna Gawlik, Fr John Willis, Jo O’Sullivan, Gabriel Clarke, Sr. Deirdre Browne IBVM, Fay Crocker, Sayde Badalia, Patrick Lawler, Narelle Albans, Julien Ryan, Rhonda Lawler

Our Deceased

Fr. Joe Adriano, SJ Murrie, Jim Moriarty, Patrick Thomas, Dalilah Gako, John Egan, Marien Carrigan, Margaret Halloran, Bernie King, Tracy Press, Allan Thorn, Colin Harvey, Kerry York, Emma Velasco, Sharon Peachy

Anniversary of Death

Morgan Keating, Pedro & Darcela Villamil, Robert Mcburnie, Robert Harvey, Fred Gorman, Lyn Slade, Peter Parsons, Janette Brown, Norbert Moore, Lito Llave, John Gooley, Coraz, Peter Richard Whitney.

The Journey to
EUCHARIST28

DIDASKŌ
Faith Formation 2026

**The Eucharist in
the Life of the Church**

EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2028

In preparation for the International Eucharist Congress, Sydney 2028 (Eucharist28), the Diocese of Armidale will be joining the Catholic Church in Australia in a year of prayer to prepare for this moment of grace.

By praying together, we open our hearts to the transformative work Jesus desires to do in our lives, readying ourselves for the profound encounter that Eucharist28 invites.

We invite you to join us as we take our first steps toward Eucharist28 – gathering in adoration, prayer, and hopeful anticipation of all that God has in store. Join us in our First Friday Adoration.

Please contact the parish office on phone: **6765 9543** or email **southtamworthparish@armidale.catholic.org.au** or see Fr. Roel after Mass if you are interested in taking part.

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WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

ROSARY GROUP
Meet in private homes at 10am on Wednesdays
For information contact Dulcie Johns Ph: 6762 1092

MOTHERS’ PRAYERS
Monday, prayers for our children and all children throughout the world. For more information contact Trish Tighe Ph: 0427657259

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP - White Ants
For more information or to join the White Ants Family Group ring Sandra Ph: 0408 659 971 or Kerry Ph: 0427 367 628

ST EDWARD’S CHOIR & MUSIC MINISTRY
The St Edward’s Parish Choir is always ready to welcome new members. For more information contact Liz Hearne Ph: 0403137810

ST EDWARD’S SCHOOL READING SUPPORT VOLUNTEERS
When: Any week day from 9-11am
Where: Infants and Primary campus
What you need: A volunteer Working With Children Check which can be obtained free of charge from Service NSW.
Ring Primary School on 67657847 or Infants on 67658569

HEART OF PEACE (HOPE)
Heart of Peace (HOPE) is a social justice ministry of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Armidale. Offering free and healthy meals for everyone. MHOC Church Hall, 72 Hillvue Road, South Tamworth every Wednesday.

NEW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: please email: hopekitchen2340@gmail.com

Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/hopekitchen>

Eucharist28 Update – This is My Body, Given For You

The International Eucharistic Congress in Sydney in 2028 (‘Eucharist28’) will be a global gathering of the Church centred on the Eucharist, the source and summit of our Christian lives, culminating in a Papal Mass with Pope Leo XIV. It will be a festival of faith, rich with worship, prayer, testimonies, art, music – a truly ‘once in a lifetime’ experience, and a transformative moment for our nation.

The theme for Eucharist28 is ‘This is My Body, Given For You’, which invites us to reflect on the words that Christ spoke as he instituted the Eucharistic Sacrifice.

At each Mass, the priest repeats Jesus’ words from the Last Supper, and the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ.

This miraculous change does not end with the gifts. As we receive the Body of Christ, we are transformed into the Body of Christ, carrying His presence into our homes, workplaces, schools, parishes and communities.

Just as He gave His life for us, we too are called to offer our lives in sacrifice and service to God and to those around us.

This national journey to Eucharist28 is an invitation for all of us to share in the breaking of the bread and allow Christ’s presence to transform us. The journey begins now, in our own hearts and in our own parishes.

For catechetical material to help your parish and community prepare for this moment, head to eucharist28.org/resources.

ENROLMENT IN THE BROWN SCAPULAR OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

All are warmly invited to the Enrolment in the **Brown Scapular of Our Lady Of Mount Carmel on Wednesday, 22 July 2026, the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene, 6:30 pm, St. Nicholas Church East Tamworth**, officiated by **Deacon Allem Alba, T.O.Carm** in the name of the Carmelite Order. Brown Scapulars will be provided for those being enrolled. All welcome!

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW CHURCH PARKING FOR AGED/DISABILITY
Five additional spaces for aged & disability parking have been created on the outward/exit end of the drive through. Two for parallel parking, adjacent to the Memorial Bell Tower, and three for angle parking on the right side of the exit driveway.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY MAGAZINE/NEWSLETTER
Our Catholic Weekly Magazine/Newsletter are available at the foyer, grab a copy for just \$2 each.

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE 2026

Information Night: Parent/s or Guardians
Tuesday, 04 August at 5:30pm

Confirmation Mass: 13 September at 9:00 am

SAFETY MINISTRY WORKSHOP HERE AT ST EDWARD’S
Wednesday, 05 August at 5:00pm. All parishioners are welcome to attend, mandatory attendance is required for all Parish volunteers and employees.

SAFE TRAINING ATTENDANCE
VOLUNTEERS WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Sacristan
- Parish Secretary
- Parish Safeguarding Contact Person
- Parish Council member
- Parish Finance Council Member
- Choir Director
- Children’s liturgy coordinator or helper
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd leader or helper
- Adult altar server (IF children are serving)
- Sacramental Coordinator
- Youth group leader or helper
- Leader or helper in other child related ministry
- Extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist distributing at homes or nursing homes
- Heart of Peace (HOPE) Outreach Volunteer (unless preparing food with no contact with patrons)
- Parish arranged prayer group/bible study leader

VOLUNTEERS WHO DO NOT NEED TO ATTEND
However, all are encouraged to attend the training as it provides good formation on how to spot abuse and what to do about it in all areas of life

- Catechists who have already completed some safeguarding training (unless they are involved in another additional ministry in the parish that does require training)
- Readers
- Money collectors/counters
- Choir members
- Ushers/welcomers
- Projectionist
- Flower arrangers
- Piety store
- Extraordinary ministers doing so during Mass
- Gardener
- Cleaner

Collections– do you know the difference?

The **1st Collection** goes into the Presbytery account for the support of the priests—in appointments in our Parish and across the Diocese as well as those in retirement

2nd Collection goes into the Parish or Church account to support the Parish activities and upkeep of all the buildings (including insurance)

On Church Giving

To support the priests (active, sick, and retired) 1st Collection
A/C Name: St. Edwards Church Presbytery Savings Account
BSB: 082 105 A/C No.: 001023592
Reference: First + Last Name

To support the Church (Planned Giving Program—PGP):
A/C Name: St. Edwards Church Suspense Account
BSB: 082 105 A/C No.: 001002950
Reference: Envelope Number + Last Name

What return shall I make to the Lord, for all God has given me?

Thank you for making a gift to support the important work of our parish. We sincerely appreciate your generosity!

Schedule of Masses & Sacraments

Holy Mass

Monday	08.00 am
Tuesday	09.30 am
Wednesday	09.30 am
Thursday	NO MASS
Friday	FUNERAL MASS 10.30 am
Saturday	05.30 pm
Sunday	09.00 am 05.30 pm

1st Friday Adoration 08.15 am
1st Saturday Mass 09.30 am

3rd Saturday Mass
Oak Tree Retirement Village 10.00 am

2nd/4th Sunday Mass
Tamworth Age Care 11.00 am

Confessions

Saturday	04.45 pm to 05.15 pm
Sunday	08.15 am to 08.45 am 04.45 pm to 05.15 pm

Baptism
*by appointment/*Online booking:
<https://stedwardsparish.org.au/sacraments/>

Wedding, Anointing of the Sick & Funeral
By appointment

“Anointing of the Sick” is a Sacrament that brings God’s grace and healing to the sick and the elderly. Anointing can offer spiritual comfort, peace, and strength during times of illness and of old age.

Here in our parish, anointing will be every first weekend after each mass. Home-bound elderly parishioners, parishioners in hospital or in nursing homes can receive the anointing from a priest. A visit can be arranged by informing the parish and the priest.

Sick List

If you would like to add someone to our sick list please use the “sick list prayer request form” placed in the blue folder at the foyer.

Visitation

If there is a parishioner whom you know would appreciate a visit from a priest, please contact the Parish Office.

Please ensure that your children are accompanied when leaving the Church during the Mass to go to the toilet or for any other reason.

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION

1st Collection	-	\$	611.00
Planned Giving	-	\$	586.00
Loose	-	\$	151.10
June TAP	-	\$	588.29
June EFT	-	\$	1,812.00
Peter’s Pence	-	\$	723.30

Gospel
Matthew 13:24-43
Let them both grow till the harvest

Jesus put another parable before the crowds: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."'

He put another parable before them: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower

of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

PARISH PRAYER

Loving God, Father of us all, gather and form us into a caring and welcoming parish family. May Your Holy Spirit touch our hearts for us to reach out with compassion to those in need. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd. Amen.

Mary Help of Christians... pray for us.
St Edward the Confessor... pray for us.

Prayer for Priestly Vocations

Father, in your plan for our salvation you provide shepherds for your people. Fill your Church with the spirit of courage and love. Raise up worthy ministers for your altars and ardent but gentle servants of the gospel. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Eternal High Priest, Amen. St John the Baptist, Pray for us. St John Vianney, Pray for us.

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Belinda Barry-Cupples & Andrew Millman, Assistant Principals
Sally Clarke, REC

16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME /A 19 JULY 2026

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.
COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of this wonder; he gives food to those who fear him.

First reading Wisdom 12:13,16-19

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

You will grant repentance after sin

There is no god, other than you, who cares for every thing, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 85(86):5-6,9-10,15-16

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call. Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my voice.

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

2. All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name, O Lord: for you are great and

marvellous deeds, you who alone are God.

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

3. But you, God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger, O Lord, abounding in love and truth, turn and take pity on me.

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Second reading Romans 8:26-27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

The Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God. The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!